

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

(A). Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the paragraph starting on Page 6, line 27 with “In accordance with...” and ending on Page 7, line 10 with “... the first range”:

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, the mounting apparatus 20 for mounting the hollow work piece 22 on the machine 10 includes a first foam rubber member (the hollow cylindrical foam member) 60 for positioning inside the hollow work piece 22 between cylindrical supporting fixtures 24, 25. The first foam rubber member 60 as such is cylindrical and has a first density and a first durometer value from within a first range of durometer values. The mounting apparatus 20 also includes a second foam rubber member (the pressure reducing device) 50 for mounting within the circumferential groove 32 underneath the wall 29 of the end 28 of the hollow work piece 22 for centrifugally supporting and enabling the reduction of machining-induced pressure on the end of the hollow work piece. The second foam rubber member 50 has a donut shape, and a second density different from the first density, and a second durometer value from within a second range of durometer values that is greater than the first range.